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FROM

DEWAN'S OFFICE
4. APR. 1941
No. 6629

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 3rd April 1941.

Subd for perusal in the first instance.
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Appointment of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India.

SIR, MS 4-4-41

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Mysore copies of each of the two communications from the Department of Supply mentioned in the margin. It will be observed that provision has been made for approach to States also in regard to certain matters when necessity arises; but I am to explain that whenever any action by the Electrical Commissioner is contemplated in any State, the Electrical Commissioner will approach the Political Department. Should the Mysore Government wish to initiate action, a prior reference may kindly be made to this Residency for communication to the Political Department so that advice may be obtained on the manner in which, if necessary, the State should legislate and on the system of co-ordination which, unless States appoint the British Indian Electrical Commissioner as their own Electrical Commissioner, should be established between any State official appointed as the result of such legislation and the corresponding official in British India.

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Department of Supply Office Memorandum No.G.55(1),I, dated the 8th February 1941 and G.55(1),I, dated the 10th March 1941.

MS 7/4/41

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

(with 1 spare copy)

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No. G.55(1)/II.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

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Subject Appointment of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India.

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No.G55(1)/I.

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The Electrical Commissioner will form advisory panels for suitable groups of undertakings and will in the first instance carry out a general survey. He will need statutory powers to enter and inspect, to call for information, to requisition plant, and (for exercise at a later stage) to regulate undertakings by requiring them in particular to limit supplies to specified classes of consumers or to operate their systems in the manner best suited to war conditions. These powers are being provided for in the Notification referred to above.

The authorities to be consulted as necessary in addition to the managements of electrical undertakings are :-

Supply Department	concerned with Supply policy;
Defence Department	concerned with defence policy and coordination of technical methods of protection;
Home Department Labour Department	concerned with A.R.P. policy and with electrical policy;
Railway Board	concerned with Railway supplies;
Engineer-in-Chief	co-ordination of technical methods of protection;
Political Department	concerned with corresponding action in Indian States.

(4) <u>The security of electrical systems in arsenals, military installations and military buildings generally</u>. The Electrical Commissioner will advise the Defence Department on any schemes specifically referred to him. It will be for the Defence Department to keep in touch under this head with the other authorities concerned.

(5) Priorities. Priorities for Electrical plant ordered from abroad are dealt with by the Director General, Munitions Production. This system will continue, but the Director General, Munitions Production, will refer to the Electrical Commissioner for advice cases concerning plant required for (i) supply undertakings; (ii) factories specified by the Electrical Commissioner.

(6) Power agreements for Ordnance Factories. All revisions of agreements and all new agreements for the supply of power to Ordnance Factories will be negotiated in consultation with the Electrical Commissioner, who will, in cases which he considers to be of sufficient importance, take charge of the negotiations himself. The ordinary rules as to financial advice and sanctions will apply.

(7) Standardization. The standardization of electrical plant and appliances in (i) Ordnance factories and (ii) Electric supply undertakings is probably not a matter in which urgent action can be taken. In respect of Ordnance Factories a fairly high degree of standardization has already been attained. In respect of Supply undertakings the Electrical Commissioner will be in a position to use his general power to call for information, and will attend to the standardization of plant ordered from abroad in consultation with his advisory panels.

(8) Accumulation of emergency spares. This matter will have to be considered though it is doubtful whether any important accumulation of spares can be effected. The Electrical Commissioner (using if necessary his power to call for information) will take the matter up with Electricity supply undertakings in the first instance, and may arrange a more extended survey in consultation with the Director General, Munitions Production.

4. USE OF POWERS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

The Electrical Commissioner will for the present use independently only those of his powers under the Notification appended which concern (i) entry and inspection, (ii) demands for information and (iii) requisitioning. It should be noted that his power to requisition extends to all articles or things in the possession of undertakings engaged in the generation or supply of electrical energy. Requisition cases of this class should invariably be dealt with by the Electrical Commissioner, who should not however interfere with undertakings belonging to the Central or to a Provincial Government without the consent of the Government concerned. His powers to regulate factories and Supply undertakings will until further orders be used only in consultation with the Government of India in the Department of Supply. The Department of Supply will be responsible for obtaining the opinions of the Labour Department and, if necessary the Commerce and Legislative Departments and Provincial Governments on individual cases.

5. GENERAL ADVISORY FUNCTIONS.

The Electrical Commissioner will be available to advise Departments of the Government of India generally on electrical matters. In particular he will perform such functions as the Labour Department may require of him in connection with the administration of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, and the rules thereunder.

Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Departments of the Government of India.

The Political Department.

The Branches of Army Headquarters and Air Headquarters.

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The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Extract from Department of Supply letter to the Controller of Supply Accounts, No.E-8(3), dated the 20th January 1941.

I am directed to say that the Governor General in Council has considered Report No.1 of the Ministry of Supply Mission to India on the organization of the Department of Supply to deal with electrical matters and has accepted the recommendations made therein. Sanction is now accorded to the creation with effect from the 14th January 1941, of a temporary post of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India and the appointment thereto with effect from the same date of Mr. H.M.Mathews.

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2. The headquarters of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India will be at Calcutta. The Electrical Commissioner has been declared to be 'Head of a Department' He will also be the Controlling Officer for the purpose of his own travelling allowances and those of all Gazetted Officers serving under him.

3. The duties of the Electrical Commissioner will be:-

(a) Under the orders of the Government of India, to set up the electrical organization contemplated in the Report referred to above;

(b) to deal with other matters mentioned in the Report;

(c) to act generally as Electrical Adviser to the Government of India..

The new electrical organization as a whole will be administered by the Government of India in the Department of Supply, but under (c) above the Electrical Commissioner will be available to other Departments and in particular to the Department of Labour where legislation and rules concerning electricity will continue to be dealt with as at present.

4. The expenditure involved is debitable to the head '64-Expenditure connected with the War, 1939 - Department of Supply'.

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Government of India.
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

New Delhi, the 8th February, 1941.

NOTIFICATION.

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((2) that the powers conferred on it by sub-rule (1) of rule 83 of the said Rules shall, in respect of any article or thing in the possession of any undertaking engaged in the generation or supply of electrical energy, be exercisable also by the said Electrical Commissioner

PRESS NOTE.

An efficient and adequate supply of electrical energy is essential to War production, and the Ministry of Supply Mission to India have recommended to the Government of India the appointment of an Electrical Commissioner, whose duty it will be to ensure that the efficiency of the Electric Supply undertakings in India is maintained during the War, and that Ordnance Factories and other factories engaged on important War work have their electrical systems so arranged as to be reliable and secure, and also receive the supplies of energy that they require.

The Government of India have accepted this recommendation, and have created a post of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India to which they have appointed Mr. H.M. Mathews. The office of the Electrical Commissioner has been established with that of the Director General of Munitions Production at 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta. Certain statutory powers under the Defence of India Rules are being conferred upon the Electrical Commissioner, who will, it is hoped, shortly get into touch with important Electric Supply undertakings in connection with his work.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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New Delhi, the 1st March, 1941.

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M.

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No. W. 48/with Encs.

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Stores Purchase Committee,
Bangalore.

Appointment of Electrical Commissioner
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For Chief Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
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To

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Appointment of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India.

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(ii) the finance of improvements and protective measures;

(iii) the possibility of requisitioning and re-allocating plant; and

(iv) the effective co-ordination of policy as to protection from air attack.

The Electrical Commissioner will form advisory panels for suitable groups of undertakings and will in the first instance carry out a general survey. He will need statutory powers to enter and inspect, to call for information, to requisition plant, and (for exercise at a later stage) to regulate undertakings by requiring them in particular to limit supplies to specified classes of consumers or to operate their systems in the manner best suited to ~~war~~ conditions. These powers are being provided for in the Notification referred to above.

The authorities to be consulted as necessary in addition to the managements of electrical undertakings are :-

Supply Department	concerned with Supply policy;
Defence Department	concerned with defence policy and coordination of technical methods of protection;
Home Department) Labour Department)	concerned with A.R.P. policy and with electrical policy;
Railway Board	concerned with Railway supplies;
Engineer-in-Chief	co-ordination of technical methods of protection;
Political Department	concerned with corresponding action in Indian States.

(4) The security of electrical systems in arsenals, military installations and military buildings generally. The Electrical Commissioner will advise the Defence Department on any schemes specifically referred to him. It will be for the Defence Department to keep in touch under this head with the other authorities concerned.

(5) Priorities. Priorities for Electrical plant ordered from abroad are dealt with by the Director General. Munitions Production. This system will continue, but the Director General, Munitions Production, will refer to the Electrical Commissioner for advice cases concerning plant required for (i) supply undertakings; (ii) factories specified by the Electrical Commissioner.

(6) Power agreements for Ordnance Factories. All revisions of agreements and all new agreements for the supply of power to Ordnance Factories will be negotiated in consultation with the Electrical Commissioner, who will, in cases which he considers to be of sufficient importance, take charge of the negotiations himself. The ordinary rules as to financial advice and sanctions will apply.

(7) Standardization. The standardization of electrical plant and appliances in (i) Ordnance factories and (ii) Electric supply undertakings is probably not a matter in which urgent action can be taken. In respect of Ordnance Factories a fairly high degree of standardization has already been attained. In respect of Supply undertakings the Electrical Commissioner will be in a position to use his general power to call for information, and will attend to the standardization of plant ordered from abroad in consultation with his advisory panels.

(8) Accumulation of emergency spares. This matter will have to be considered though it is doubtful whether any important accumulation of spares can be effected. The Electrical Commissioner (using if necessary his power to call for information) will take the matter up with Electricity supply undertakings in the first instance, and may arrange a more extended survey in consultation with the Director General, Munitions Production.

4. USE OF POWERS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

The Electrical Commissioner will for the present use independently only those of his powers under the Notification appended which concern (i) entry and inspection, (ii) demands for information and (iii) requisitioning. It should be noted that his power to requisition extends to all articles or things in the possession of undertakings engaged in the generation or supply of electrical energy. Requisition cases of this class should invariably be dealt with by the Electrical Commissioner, who should not however interfere with undertakings belonging to the Central or to a Provincial Government without the consent of the Government concerned. His powers to regulate factories and Supply undertakings will until further orders be used only in consultation with the Government of India in the Department of Supply. The Department of Supply will be responsible for obtaining the opinions of the Labour Department and, if necessary the Commerce and Legislative Departments and Provincial Governments on individual cases.

5. GENERAL ADVISORY FUNCTIONS.

The Electrical Commissioner will be available to advise Departments of the Government of India generally on electrical matters. In particular he will perform such functions as the Labour Department may require of him in connection with the administration of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, and the rules thereunder.

Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Departments of the Government of India.

The Political Department.

The Branches of Army Headquarters and Air Headquarters.

The Office of the Private Secretary to H.E. the Viceroy.

The Office of the Assistant Military Secretary (Personal) to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief.

The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General(Public).

The Financial Adviser, Military Finance.

Copies of the above are forwarded to :-

The Director-General, Munitions Production, Calcutta.

The Director-General, Supply, New Delhi.

The Additional Financial Adviser, Supply Finance, New Delhi.

The Joint Financial Adviser, Supply Finance, Munitions Production, Calcutta.

The Joint Financial Adviser, Supply Finance, Supply, New Delhi.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Extract from Department of Supply letter to the Controller of Supply Accounts, No.E-8(3), dated the 20th January 1941

I am directed to say that the Governor General in Council has considered Report No.1 of the Ministry of Supply Mission to India on the organization of the Department of Supply to deal with electrical matters and has accepted the recommendations made therein. Sanction is now accorded to the creation with effect from the 14th January 1941, of a temporary post of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India and the appointment thereto with effect from the same date of Mr. H.M.Mathews.

2. The headquarters of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India will be at Calcutta. The Electrical Commissioner has been declared to be 'Head of a Department'. He will also be the Controlling Officer for the purpose of his own travelling allowances and those of all Gazetted Officers serving under him.

3. The duties of the Electrical Commissioner will be:-

(a) Under the orders of the Government of India, to set up the electrical organization contemplated in the Report referred to above;

(b) to deal with other matters mentioned in the Report;

(c) to act generally as Electrical Adviser to the Government of India.

The new electrical organization as a whole will be administered by the Government of India in the Department of Supply, but under (c) above the Electrical Commissioner will be available to other Departments and in particular to the Department of Labour where legislation and rules concerning electricity will continue to be dealt with as at present.

4. The expenditure involved is debitable to the head '64-Expenditure connected with the War, 1939 - Department of Supply .

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NOTIFICATION.

No.35. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 2 of the Defence of India Act, 1939 (XXXV of 1939), the Central Government is pleased to direct -

(1) that the powers conferred on it by clauses (c), (d), (e) and (f) of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules shall, in respect of any undertaking in which electrical energy is used or which is engaged in the generation or supply of electrical energy, be exercisable also by the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India;

(2) that the powers conferred on it by sub-rule (1) of rule 83 of the said Rules shall, in respect of any article or thing in the possession of any undertaking engaged in the generation or supply of electrical energy, be exercisable also by the said Electrical Commissioner.

PRESS NOTE.

An efficient and adequate supply of electrical energy is essential to War production, and the Ministry of Supply Mission to India have recommended to the Government of India the appointment of an Electrical Commissioner, whose duty it will be to ensure that the efficiency of the Electric Supply undertakings in India is maintained during the War, and that Ordnance Factories and other factories engaged on important War work have their electrical systems so arranged as to be reliable and secure, and also receive the supplies of energy that they require.

The Government of India have accepted this recommendation, and have created a post of Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India to which they have appointed Mr. H.M. Mathews. The office of the Electrical Commissioner has been established with that of the Director General of Munitions Production at 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta. Certain statutory powers under the Defence of India Rules are being conferred upon the Electrical Commissioner, who will, it is hoped, shortly get into touch with important Electric Supply undertakings in connection with his work.

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